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In re Application of
Paul ENTWISTLE
Application No. 09/553,011
Filed: April 20, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 00164

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 7, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed July 13, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained on January 13, 2005. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 14, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of July 13, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Betsy L. Deppe at (571) 272-6052 or in her absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2131.

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